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1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED SUBJECT MEETING WITH APPROPRIATE FRG OFFICIALS AS REQUESTED PARA 6, REF A, AND PARA 7, REF B. FRG IS CERTAINLY AN APPROPRIATE PARTICIPANT IN THIS CONFERENCE AND WE PROCEEDED ACCORDINGLY. FRG GENERALLY SHARES US VIEWS ABOUT ORGANIZATION OF MEETING BUT OUR CONTACTS SEEM TO FEAR THAT GERMAN DELEGATION MUST BE LARGER THAN "ONE OR TWO EXPERTS" TO COVER AGENDA EFFECTIVELY AT AN APPROPRI-UNCLASSIFIED

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ATE LEVEL OF COMPETENCE. INTERMINISTERIAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 13 TO PLAN FRG PARTICIPATION. END SUMMARY.

2. WE REVIEWED REF A USG VIEWS ABOUT APPROPRIATE PARTICIPATION WITH FRG ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICIALS WHO ASSURED US THAT GERMANY WILL BE ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICI-

PANT. THEY BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS WILL REQUIRE A DELEGATION OF "REASONABLE" SIZE, WHICH CANNOT BE PREDICTED PRIOR TO JANUARY 13 INTERMINISTERIAL COORDINATION MEETING.

- 3. FRG REPS REQUESTED INFORMATION ABOUT SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF USDEL. WOULD USG, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE ONLY ONE OR TWO EXPERTS? IF OTHER NATIONS INCLUDED ADMINISTRATORS AND GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS MANAGERS, FRG WOULD WISH TO DO SO AS WELL.
- 4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON POINT RAISED IN PARA 3, ABOVE. REF B EMPHASIZED THAT PARTICIPANTS MUST BE GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES. IS THIS STILL USG POSITION? STOESSEL UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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